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Looking back at the year with BDA

SGA leadership share their thoughts about their first semester as Executives

BY KEVIN THOMAS
Managing Editor

As the spring semester comes to a close, we at the *NewsWire* decided it was time to meet up with our Student Government Executives and see how they think their first semester as our leaders has gone.

Because of the length of the interview, we will be publishing a second part in next week's issue, followed by an online version that will have the entire transcription.

Kevin: First question, broad question, how do you think the first semester has gone?

Desmond Varner, Vice President: I mean, to be honest with you, I think it's been extremely challenging in a lot of ways because there's so much traction that you have to gain in order to get people's attention or accomplish specific objectives, as well as just doing administrative tasks that seem kind of miniscule but are important to the university as a whole...

Blair McKee, President: It has been a lot of just kind of trying to get people familiar with who we are, kind of getting a few of our initiatives off the ground... We have gotten some things accomplished, but I think we've done a really good job keeping the office more open... (We've been) really trying to shift the culture of SGA to what we think it should be...

K: Now moving onto your projects. Y'all got the (free) laundry done.

All: Yes! Yeah, so...

D: That's Dr. Jude Kiah. We gotta give him credit for that.

B: So laundry is happening, that's good. POM device is



Student Government Association Executives Desmond Varner (left), Blair McKee (second from right) and Alfredo Mercedes (right) sat down and discussed their current achievements, issues and plans for the fall.

coming, we think, pretty sure. That actually hasn't been something we've...

D: Broadcasted, but it's actually a great thing and it really addresses the issue of security...

B: I can go more in depth. We never put it on our platform because we didn't know about it until we got into office... POM device is another safety measure that we're trying to implement, and it got approved by Father Graham and the public safety committee, so now it's just a matter of how many we're going to purchase...

K: On the note of challenges, what's been the biggest challenges y'all have faced so far?

B: I would say just balancing the work. Students look at us kind of like administrators, and administrators look at us sometimes as students but sometimes as their peers...

D: Personally, for me, it's just being spread a little thin here and there. And balancing the work-play thing, trying to make sure I'm consistent with what makes me happy and gives me life as well as handling some of the new responsibilities. Especially being the youngest one here, there's a lot of growing pains a person has to go through. Not just dealing with administrators, but the actual work behind it...all the other responsibilities and obligations. Sometimes my girl gets mad at me because I'm in the office, I'm trying to do eight things at once and we don't necessarily get that time. But I've decided to step back a bit more and focus on things one task at a time. I think that's the most important thing.

K: What do you guys see as the most important issues facing the university right now, both university

and student body, and how do you plan to play a role in addressing these issues?

Alfredo Mercedes, Vice President: I'd say ensuring that there are...equitable practices throughout the university...I don't think just like in academics or in financial aid, but like, we're talking social life, we're talking like groups that people can be a part of, physical fitness, mental health, whatever the aspect that the university can hold...equitable practices in all... I'm just trying to talk really broadly, not really specifically.

K: Then, how do you also plan on playing a role in addressing those issues?

A: ...BDA started getting together and forming during election season. We wanted to challenge the way we view leadership and also keep administration accountable for the actions or lack of actions. So I mean that's something

that we hold ourselves strong to, is we pursue questions, we make sure that these right answers are coming out.

K: What are you hoping to get accomplished next semester?

B: If it doesn't happen, don't hate me, but it will happen. We want a Fall Fest. Fall Fest being something big that students can look forward to during first semester. First semester is filled with a lot of small programming and after Week of Welcome, kind of dwindles out. We want people to have something big and fun for first semester. We're really trying to collab with other organizations to see what we can do....

A: Something that touches different communities at Xavier. Not saying that XavierFest doesn't, but really focusing on different aspects of culture or identity or race.

B: If we were to bring someone, it would be, you know, different genres.

A: Different food options too, trying to be as culturally appropriate as we can to represent different cultures or ethnicities. Activities could be something different. We're still picturing something big.

D: We just started on some of the initiatives in our platform that we've kind of been taking a sidestep from but we haven't necessarily been focused on because we've had so many other things to fulfill. Additionally, a big thing is making sure we give ourselves time to do what executives do and not necessarily go to luncheons and dinners — which are great — but at the same time making sure we're still embodying servant leadership and being action-oriented.

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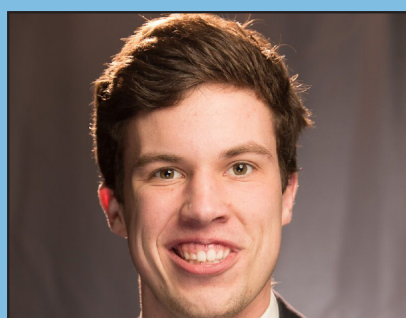
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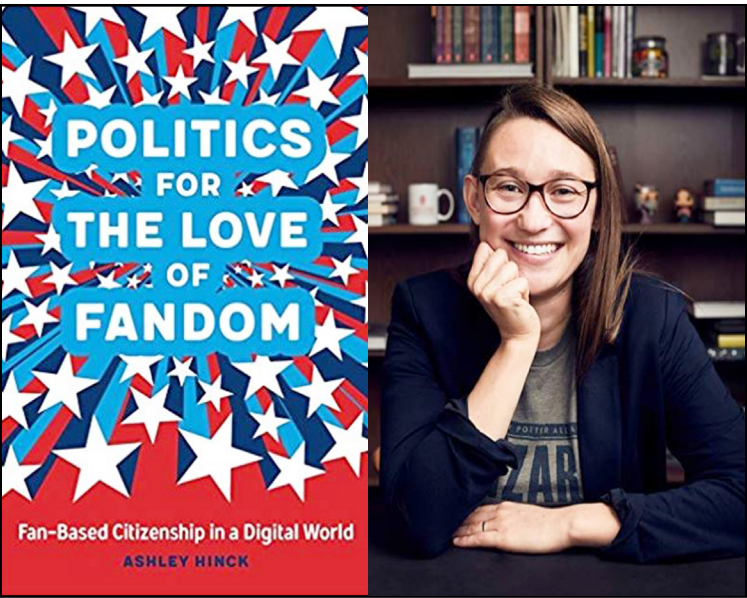
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Prof. merges two loves into book

Dr. Ashley Hinck’s premier literary work investigates fan-based citizenship



Photos courtesy of Amazon.com (left) and Xavier University (right)
Dr. Ashley Hinck discusses fan-based citizenship in her new book, Politics for the Love of Fandom, and its relevance in a digital world.

By EMILIE KRACIK
Staff Writer

Xavier’s own Dr. Ashley Hinck, launched her first solo written book, *Politics for the Love of Fandom: Fan-Based Citizenship in a Digital World*, on March 13. The work is all about the merging of fandom and politics. Hinck, a communications professor, describes this blend as a new form of citizenship that can be powerful and productive, all thanks to the Internet.

In the book, she examines fan-based citizenship, the idea that civic action that is blend-

ed with and arises from participation in a fan-community, or fandom. She argues that this works by appealing to one’s fondness of a fandom rather than traditional political institutions. In an increasingly digital world, citizens have more choices for institutions and groups to guide their civic actions.

Hinck investigates this through an exploration of four different case studies: the Huskers, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s college football fandom; the Nerd-fighteria, a fandom based on

YouTube’s Vlogbrothers; the Adult Fans of Lego; and Star Wars fans.

This concept has been in the making for years, Hinck explains, originating with her own passion for Harry Potter and its fan community. In college, she attended several Harry Potter conferences with friends and even discovered a podcast that discussed politics through Harry Potter.

“I thought that was so cool, because here I was at that moment in time, a fan of Harry Potter while also invested in politics, and this podcast combined the two,” Hinck said.

Hinck went to University of Wisconsin-Madison where she got a degree in communications with a concentration in Internet studies. She started collecting research for her book in 2012 as part of her dissertation.

“The research process for my book consisted of about a year of collecting data and a year of field work for each case study,” Hinck said. She aimed to better understand how particular fan communities work and what kinds of cultures come out of these fandoms.

She gained traction in answering these questions by hanging out with fans and in-

terviewing them, giving them the opportunity to offer feedback on their beloved subjects.

“The process was work, but it was also a lot of fun,” she said. “It was really exciting and inspiring to see all the fandoms open up to me, an outsider, and teach me what it’s like to be a fan in all the different communities.”

On top of all the research, Hinck also went through an extensive writing process. Her favorite place to work on the book was in her home office, where it was quiet and there were lots of snacks.

Time management was key, because after sending the book proposal to her publish-

er and getting it approved, she had to provide a date the book could be published. To keep that deadline, Hinck would set aside roughly two to three hours, three days a week, to write the book.




Hinck shared that she planned to finish the book in 2019 because of its relevance. to upcoming elections. “I wanted to push myself to finish the book faster rather than slower because the information it provides is pertinent to politics right now,” Hinck said.

Hinck’s book was published in March and is currently available for purchase on Amazon.

April 15 and 22 Student Government Association Meeting Recap

- The Title IX Office saw a 20 percent increase in reports from last year to this year, with reports doubling during the last five years.
- The new Advocacy and Prevention Coordinator, Susan Pelle, is expected to start in late April. Talia Tuesta is still planning on being a confidential source to help students during the transition process.

As summer grows closer...
The end of the year continues to
heat up on campus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			24 SAC: Hypnotist Chris Jones, Arrupe Overlook, 9 p.m.	25 SAC: Spike Ball Tournament, Sand Volleyball Courts, 4 p.m.	26 Holi Celebration, Xavier Yard, 3:30 p.m. DTA, Kennedy Auditorium, 9 p.m.	27 End the Stigma 5K Walk/Run, Cintas Center, noon
28 CFJ: Service of Remembrance, Bellarmine Chapel, 2 p.m.	29 Survivors Speak Event, Bellarmine Circle, 6 p.m.	30 Beethoven Choral Fantasy, Gallagher Theatre, 7:30 p.m.	May 1 Women’s Institute for Leadership Development Info Session, Fenwick Hall, noon	2	3 SAC: XavierFest, Xavier Yard, 4 p.m.	4
5	6 Late Night Breakfast, the caf, 9 p.m.	7	8	9	10 Last day of Spring Semester	11
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All American tackles off-field issues

The CW's new football high school drama series proves surprisingly enjoyable

BY LUKE FELICIANO
Sports Editor

Admittedly, I stumbled upon The CW television show *All American* on accident. I intended to only watch one of the latest episodes of *Riverdale*, but an advertisement alerted me of the channel's new series.

After watching each weekly installment of *All American's* 16-episode first season, I was thoroughly impressed by the show. I have a great appreciation for it, especially because it is loosely based on the life of former NFL player Spencer Paysinger.

The show centers on main character Spencer James (played by Daniel Ezra, who masks his British accent flawlessly).

James comes from the rough-and-tumble neighborhood of Crenshaw where he escapes the dangers of street life by being the star player on his high school football team.

James finds himself getting into trouble at school, which forces his mother to recruit an old beau — coach Billy Baker — to entice James to live with him and play for his team in Beverly Hills. James reluctantly agrees and finds himself thrust into what seems like an entirely foreign world.

Throughout the first season, James slowly assimilates



Photo courtesy of The CW
The CW's new television show, *All American*, reveals itself to be more than just a series about high school football. Main character Spencer James (Daniel Ezra) is forced into tough situations that he must escape from.

to life in Beverly Hills, but at the same time, he attempts to hold down the fort in Crenshaw.

James is by no means a static character. He's both likeable and dynamic as he strives to fit into the mold of his new surroundings while simultaneously clutching onto his roots.

The narrative does a fantastic job of splitting screen time between Beverly Hills

and Crenshaw, as James often visits home to check in. He sometimes gets himself into hot water as he attempts to keep a foot in both camps.

James displays this innate maturity that makes him such a perfect lead character. He is forced to make tough decisions, like when he is eye-to-eye with his estranged father who returns in an attempt to rectify his wrongdoings.

Perhaps the most interest-

ing development of the show is that James never loses himself. He stays true to form while also adapting to his new life. One admirable quality is that he doesn't let his personal hardship define him.

While the backdrop of the show centers on the sport of football, it doesn't have an overwhelming presence.

There are several episodes that don't even really have any game action. What really

matters about this show is the growth that James (and those around him) makes as the season progresses.

Because *All American* is successful in creating a plotline that is perhaps more drama-filled off the field than it is on, I deem it a success. The scenes that show the characters in-game are actually quite underwhelming.

In most instances, the outcome of the game is predictable. Even if the action takes a sharp twist, the suspense is sub-dramatic and resembles a second-rate production.

In any case, there are reasons to suspect that the first season won over many viewers, and this alone should remain a viable reason why a second season should be ordered.

For the time being, The CW hasn't officially announced a season two. However, the first season recently dropped on Netflix, and the streaming numbers will likely factor into a decision to give a green light for a second season.

While James is presented as a thick-skinned character who faces many obstacles in this coming-of-age story, there are still many storylines that have to play out. Therefore, a second season of *All American* should be just as good, if not even better, than the first.

ISIS claims Sri Lanka Easter terrorist attacks

BY RYAN KAMBICH
Opinions and Editorials Editor

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility on Tuesday for a series of terrorist attacks that occurred on Easter Sunday throughout the island of Sri Lanka. Local officials have said that the bombings might have been in retaliation for the killing of 50 people at two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Despite this claim, there has not been direct evidence of coordination between the bombers and the terrorist group. However, Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said in a press conference on Tuesday "We can't tell you immediately, definitely to whom they had links, (but) there was suspicion that there were links with ISIS."

The Sri Lankan government has also admitted that it had warnings about a potential attack in the days prior.

At least six suicide bombers were involved in attacks at three luxury hotels, and three churches while they were celebrating the Easter holiday on April 21.

The attacks killed an estimated 310 people and injured 500 more.



Photo courtesy of The Independent
The Sri Lanka attacks have killed at least 310 people and injured 500.

Week in Review

Loss of a collection, bees and a T-Rex

- Four sweat bees were removed from a Taiwanese woman's eye. The bees, attracted to her tears, had entered her eye while she was pulling weeds from her relatives' graves. The woman is expected to make a full recovery (April 11).
- An Indiana man is suing his parents after they destroyed his pornography collection that he claims is worth \$29,000. The collection included 12 boxes of films and magazines and two boxes of various kinds of sex toys (April 15).
- Contractors in a Florida town required a lesson in elementary spelling after erroneously painting "SCOHOL" on a crosswalk. The error has since been corrected (April 19).
- A fossil hunter has earned the wrath of the scientific community for attempting to sell a baby Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton on eBay. Scientists have expressed concern that the sale will mean the specimen will end up in the hands of a private collector instead of being used for further research (April 22).



Photo courtesy of Twitter
These contractors may have to go back to "scohol" and relearn spelling.

The importance of connection

Even in my fourth and final year at Xavier, I still get questions about why I chose to attend a private Jesuit college in Ohio, eight hours from my hometown in Virginia. Most of the time, I'm not really sure how to answer. I'm not religious, I have no connection to Ohio except for the time I lived in Dayton when I was 2 and I'm not a huge basketball fan, either.

The truth is that after taking two years off between

high school and college, I was ready to catch up with my classmates, and I chose one of the first schools to accept me. Looking back on the last four years of my life, I now believe that this random choice was the choice I was always meant to make.

My high school years were a little rough. I began ninth grade moving back to the United States after spending four years living on different military bases in Europe, so I was a little behind where my new classmates were socially. My penchant for wearing oversized Edward Cullen T-shirts and purple chained skinny jeans combined with an introverted attitude earned me few meaningful friendships, so I was determined to change this when I started college. Not only have I made deep, meaningful connections with many people throughout my time at Xavier, I have established friendships that will last me a lifetime.

Lasting friendships are not the only thing that I have gleaned from my time at Xavier. I came in to freshmen year as a business management major, something I had no interest in studying whatsoever. After taking a few business courses, it became clear to me that I needed to switch, so I became an English major. All the writing practice I got in middle school from penning fantastical *Twilight*-esque tales served me well in turning me into the writer I am today, but the faculty at Xavier played no small role in my growth. I have had the pleasure of being taught by some wonderful English professors for whom I am very grateful.

Although I have enjoyed the majority of my tenure at Xavier, like most people, I have struggled as well. As someone who is very close with her family, spending eight months out of the year away from them was taxing at times. I clearly recall a moment from

the second day of Manresa when I called my parents, who were busy taking one last look at Harambe at the Cincinnati Zoo, to ask them to pick me up. While this was an embarrassing moment, understanding that I had to integrate into a new community and establish a new support system was one of the best lessons I have ever learned.

By following this lesson, I have made friendships that I will maintain the rest of my life, but I have lost friendships throughout the course of my time at Xavier as well. Moving around every two years for the first 14 years of my life naturally came with the loss of friendships, but it still challenged me nonetheless.

While it's obviously a huge bummer to break off a friendship, I believe that in losing anything, there is a lesson to be learned. That lesson is to not let this type of adversity derail you. College is a time to grow and to develop skills

that will help us succeed in the "real world," but it is also a time to focus on personal growth. Unnecessarily lingering on the details of a failed friendship or relationship undermines genuine personal growth, so it's best to leave that drama behind.

When I first started at Xavier, my main objective was to get a degree. I was ready to catch up to the people in my high school graduating class who were already halfway through their college careers. I certainly was not thinking about anything as sappy as personal growth or finding lasting friendships, but that's what I am leaving with nonetheless.

I am still walking away from Xavier with the usual — crippling student debt and a degree — but I am also taking a new sense of myself. The lessons I have learned about growing, dealing with adversity and leaving drama behind will last me a lifetime.



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What I wish people knew about my assailant

My name is Brianna Ledsome, and I am a survivor.

We have this broken perception of what sexual assault is and is not in our society. It permeates the minds of survivors when we are contemplating the implications of our trauma, and it makes rape culture that much harder to diminish. Rape is not just a man in an alley. Rape is not just a defenseless woman who couldn't protect herself. Rape

is diverse and traumatic. According to RAINN, "Among undergraduate students, 23.1 percent of females and 5.4 percent of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation."

Someone once revealed to me that they believed all people were inherently good, and that those who did bad things only had forgotten their goodness and would be redeemed.

While sure, that may be true, and deep in my heart I believe that it is, it caused a stabbing pain in my soul, and I was immediately nauseated. It was out of this anger at the world for assuming what my assault was for me that I began to create "What I Wish People Knew."

For survivors, society already does not accept our stories. We are met with questions and invalidation. The burden of forgiving your perpetrator is a lot to ask of someone whose trauma is not met with compassion. Whether or not individuals are redeemable is not a supportive dialogue for survivors. In fact, it can be counterproductive in providing support. "What do you mean my assailant is an inherently good person? You know what I wish you knew about him?"

And thus, "What I Wish People Knew" was born. The project is a photo series showcasing the experiences of survivors and the things they

wish the world knew about their assailant. It emphasizes that perpetrators and survivors are male, female and nonbinary. It shows that survivors are every race, gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic class. It proves that assault is not a uniform experience for a homogenous group. It is diverse. It affects all kinds of people. As of today, 100 survivors, from Xavier and beyond, have shared their stories with me, and they are being showcased on @WhatIWishPeopleKnew on Instagram.

This series is important. It is not just a way to challenge the narrative that rape is only one thing but also provides a way to empower survivors in sharing their stories. It makes survivors feel like they are not alone.

Not every story is the same. In fact, they are often vastly different. But it is the shared experience of the community of survivors that makes vulnerability and confronting trauma that much easier. It

creates a space to heal.

It is said that people start to heal the moment they feel heard. The point of "What I Wish People Knew" is to ensure survivors feel heard and validated. So often, survivors are met with questions of how their assault occurred and what they were doing when it happened. "Were you drunk?" "What were you wearing?" No one ever asks about the assailant, and so often a survivor's story is met with equivocations and justifications for why the perpetrator is incapable of doing such a thing.

The most important words to say to a survivor when they share their trauma with you are simple. Just three little words:

I believe you.

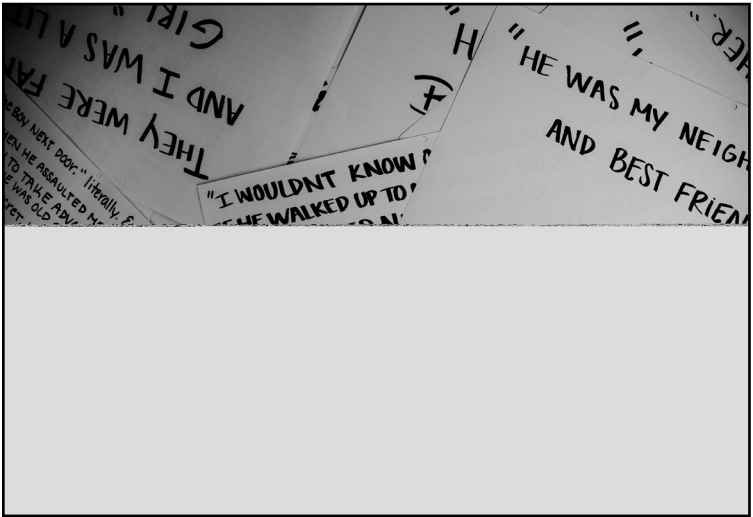


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An image from the forthcoming "What I Wish People Knew" photo series.

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Parting thoughts: *Release the pain*

College wasn't what I expected it to be. I don't think it is for any of us, but for me, the end result is drastically different from what I envisioned when I first arrived on campus. I never expected to change my career path. I never expected to make so many friends and just as many enemies. I also never expected that I would end up disliking my college experience.

I don't say that to discount the amazing experiences I did get to have here. I made amazing lifelong friends that I will never forget. I fully and



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proudly embraced my identity as a gay man and came out to my entire family. I succeeded in my classes. I stage managed a heck of a lot of shows to varying degrees of success. Most importantly, though, I learned to prioritize myself and take care of myself.

The unfortunate part is that I learned too late that I was pushing myself too hard. I had too many obligations and not enough hours in the day to fulfill them. I was burnt out by the end of my freshman year, but that burnout only burned harder and faster as I kept catapulting myself into the next project, the next assignment and the next job. It wasn't until my senior year that I really sat down and had a conversation with myself about what I wanted out of life and what I was doing it all for.

This led to many major changes. I stopped saying "yes" when people asked for help. I stopped apologizing as much. I withdrew from the various communities of which I was a part. I focused on improving

my mental health, which took the hardest hit during my four years. I realized that I wasn't happy with the industry I was going into. I also realized that this university may not have been the perfect choice for me.

Xavier has many great qualities that drew me in, but I watched a lot of damage occur to the community that indirectly or directly impacted me. I experienced a major homophobic incident every year I was here and several more minor incidents as well.

I was called a "faggot." I wasn't the only gay man on campus who had this experience. I saw one of my closest friends drop out of college because he was tormented by members of the student body for being transgender. I watched two racist incidents tear apart the fabric of our community. I watched and am still watching a growing sentiment of sexism pervade our student body.

These incidents are not to be taken lightly, and the university itself has done a fantastic job of addressing them

and providing solutions. However, as a student body, we have failed.

We dropped the ball. Every talk, every presentation and every forum we hold is meaningless if the only people going to them are the ones who didn't want the problem to occur in the first place. The people who need to go are the ones who don't because they don't see the error of their ways.

What saddens me the most is that I came to Xavier with optimism and hope. Having come from a public school in rural Ohio, a place where I faced constant discrimination, I expected Xavier to be my beacon of hope. What it turned into was a crushing weight that held down my potential in more ways than I expected. I wanted to leave with a large community to look back upon. I don't have that.

Part of that is my own fault. I'm not perfect, and I realize that. I am as fallible, opinionated and biased as the next student. At the end of

the day, my actions are the only ones I can control.

I didn't handle every situation like I should have. I was angry. I was hurt. I was stressed. I was overworked. It felt like the world was against me in every way, and I let that pain in too much. I didn't acknowledge it and move on. The pain lived inside me and released itself when I felt threatened, passing itself along to whoever was on the receiving end. Only when I practiced forgiveness did I let it go.

My advice as a senior is to forgive yourself and forgive others. That doesn't mean you need to reconcile with them. But forgive them. Acknowledge what they did, accept that it hurt you and *release the pain*. Forgive yourself for your feelings and actions, give and accept apologies as you feel necessary and *release the pain*. Learn from the experience and improve. Hope that they do the same. Treat yourself and others with kindness and love.

Above all, *release the pain*.

The rules I've learned for successful internships

When I tell people that I grew up in the D.C. area, people ask, "How'd you end up out here?"

I was lucky to have grown up in that part of the country because it gave me a chance to see things up close. It played a role in why I chose to study political science. Now, when I tell people that I major in political science and hope to go to law school in the next few years, they usually say, "That sounds boring, but if you enjoy it, then good for you!"

I came to Xavier not having really any clue what I wanted to study. When I started taking political science electives at the end of my first year at Xavier, I knew for a fact that I loved what I was learning and ultimately wanted to return to D.C.

I worked as a pizza boy from my junior year of high school until I began my sophomore year at Xavier, at which time the political science de-

partment began accepting applications for the 2017 State Politics Internship Program at the Statehouse in Columbus. I figured that it would be a good stepping stone toward politics in D.C. It was not paid, but it was for credit, so, the next best thing.

I was hooked when I got there. I loved learning on the fly, watching debates on the house floor and sitting in on committee hearings. It was pretty much the legislator, one staffer and myself in our office, so I was always busy.

Rule one of an internship: Never be bored.

This goes for an internship in any field, whether it be business, politics, sports or any other industry. Be eager to learn, and when you complete something, always ask for more projects. It is why you are there.

After eight weeks in Columbus, my internship ended, and I returned home to D.C.

to sling pizzas for one last month and save money for a semester abroad. When I returned from that semester in December 2017, I felt like I was ready to use my skills and experience to intern in D.C. I applied to many offices and eventually one clicked. I was excited to be working for a member of Congress.

I love learning. When I showed up on Capitol Hill for my first day, I was eager to learn and fell in love with the fast-paced environment. But I brought my experiences from Columbus as well.

Rule two of an internship: Never undermine the work of full-time staff or think you are too smart for the 'intern work.'

Guess what? You are not too smart for the intern work. I know that this one should seem obvious, but I am serious. If your boss needs coffee, then you go to get her a coffee. If they need something reorganized, then do it with a

smile. They know you probably don't want to do that sort of stuff, but they will take notice when you do it well and with a smile.

The third and final rule: ALWAYS attend networking events and work functions.

You will get a chance to know your co-workers outside of the office, make connections and meet people who are interested in helping you get a foot in the door. I was so fortunate to develop connections in both Columbus and D.C. By networking, you will meet people who are willing to turn around and pull you up with them because someone pulled them up when they were in our shoes.

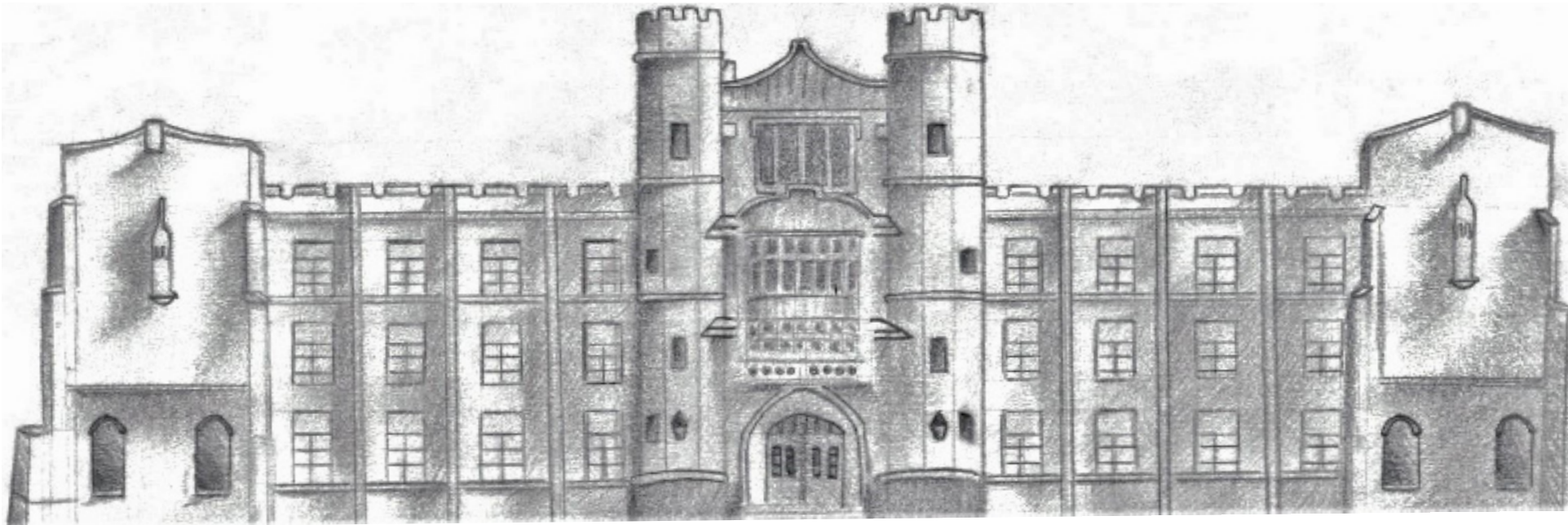
Like I said, these rules are applicable to many fields and industries and are not limited to politics. I can't promise that you will absolutely love every minute of your internship. I can say that if you follow these three rules, you

will have an experience that begins to open doors for you after graduation.

The 2018-2019 academic year was my first year writing for the *Newswire*, and I would like to thank the staff for making me feel a part of the team. I would like to thank my parents and brothers for always supporting me. Lastly, I would like to thank Xavier for being the community that it is and making Cincinnati feel a bit more like home.



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Fitzpatrick secures the Big East individual title

Women's golf team headed to its first NCAA Tournament in program history

BY MICHAEL RAUBER
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Mikayla Fitzpatrick, a junior from Phoenix was first introduced to golf at the age of 8.

More than a decade later, she secured an individual title at the 2019 Big East Championship, securing the Musketeers' first Big East title and a spot in the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament.

As a team, Xavier shot a 306, which was six strokes ahead of the second-place Georgetown.

Fitzpatrick claimed the individual title in the lead by nine strokes while shooting a 216 (E).

She credits her father for getting her into the sport seriously and encouraging her to play in junior tournaments starting at the age of 12.

"Though I tried different sports as a kid, around age 13 or 14 I set a goal for myself to play college golf," she said.

Fitzpatrick attended high school at Xavier College Preparatory School (XCP) in Phoenix, a women's golf powerhouse that has captured 31 Arizona state championships since 1974. During her four years at XCP, Fitzpatrick



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Junior Mikayla Fitzpatrick (far left) won an individual title at the Big East Championship. Xavier will play in its first-ever NCAA Tournament.

and the girl's team never lost a single event and won every state championship.

She was named Junior Golf Association of Arizona Player of the Year in the girl's championship division in 2014, recording 13 top-10 finishes and three wins.

"I really wanted to play college golf somewhere close to home and somewhere that had warm weather. I kind of was unsure about Xavier, but the coach came to one of my

tournaments (and) offered me a spot," she said. "Then I visited the campus, fell in love with Xavier and committed a week later. It all happened pretty fast, in the span of one month probably."

Fitzpatrick is academically a senior but athletically a junior. In May, she will graduate with a degree in Business Analytics after three years, and she will continue her Xavier golf career next fall as a graduate student work-

ing towards an MBA.

Fitzpatrick, who has emerged as a leader on the team, believes that this team is one of the best that the women's golf program has had and is the best Xavier team that she has played on. The team won four events throughout the season, one in the fall and three in the spring — including the Big East Championship.

Fitzpatrick was named Big East Golfer of the Week on April 4, capturing the honor for the second time this season.

She averaged a score of 73.73 per round in the 2018-2019 regular season.

Off the course, Fitzpatrick enjoys writing poetry and reading in her free time. She also enjoys baking when she gets the chance, something that her friends and teammates enjoy as well.

Fitzpatrick's dual dedication to both academics and golf extends well beyond the school year.

In the summertime, Fitzpatrick returns to Arizona to take summer classes and focus on golf. She plays in tournaments in Arizona and works with a coach in Cali-

fornia a few weeks during the summer.

Last summer, she embarked on a study abroad trip to London, where she took classes in Kensington and traveled to the land of her ancestors, Ireland.

After the term was over, Fitzpatrick stayed in London an extra two weeks to work as a volunteer for the Institute of Business Ethics.

She enjoys watching all Xavier sports as well as Arizona State, when they are not playing Xavier.

Fitzpatrick is an avid fan of two of her hometown teams, the Arizona Cardinals and the Phoenix Suns.

After her time at Xavier, Fitzpatrick says she is interested in working in the business analytics side of the golf industry.

Her goal, however, is to turn pro after college. If she continues to shoot low scores, perhaps she could appear on a professional tour in the next few years.

For now, though, Fitzpatrick will have the opportunity to compete in the regionals of the NCAA Tournament, which is scheduled for May 6-8.

Tennis ties record with a 22-win season

BY DONNIE MENKE
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The women's tennis team fell in the Big East Tournament Championship match, snapping a record-setting 20-match win streak and ending a 22-win season.

The win total is tied for the most in program history — a feat that hasn't been accomplished since 2003-04. The team closed out the season winning 20 of its final 21 matches.

Xavier's first match of the tournament (as the No. 1 seed) came against eighth seeded Georgetown. The doubles team of freshman Emily Thomas and sophomore Ahmeir Kyle won their match 6-2.

Junior Rachael Reichenbach and freshman Hunter Roper finished off the doubles point for Xavier, winning their match 6-4 and giving Xavier a 1-0 advantage heading into the singles stage.

Kyle won the first singles match in two sets, 6-3, 7-5 to put Xavier up 2-0. Roper put Xavier up 3-0 next, winning her match 6-1, 6-3. Reichenbach was unable to win her singles match, losing 3-6, 0-6, but Thomas finished the match for Xavier, winning 6-4, 6-0 to clinch the victory, 4-1.

Xavier then took on fourth seeded St. John's in the semi-finals. Reichenbach and Roper won the first doubles match



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Women's tennis strung together a record-breaking 20 straight match wins before falling in the Big East Championship on Monday. The Musketeers racked up 22 wins, tying a program record for the most in a season.

6-2. The other two doubles teams of Thomas and Kyle and senior Sophia Abelson and sophomore Kaitlin Ruether lost 1-6 and 4-6, respectively. The losses gave St. John's the doubles point and a 1-0 lead heading into the singles matches.

Ruether got Xavier on the board, winning her singles match 6-0, 6-2 to tie it up 1-1. Abelson then won her singles match 6-4, 6-3 to put Xavier up 2-1.

Roper was unable to pull out a win in her match, losing 3-6, 6-2, 2-6 in three sets to tie the match back up at 2-2.

Reichenbach was able to win 7-5, 6-3 to put Xavier back on top, but a three set

loss by Kyle, 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, tied it up at 3-3 with one match left to finish.

It went three sets, but Thomas was able to pull out the win, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, to seal a 4-3 win and a spot in the tournament finals for Xavier.

Xavier faced No. 2 seed DePaul in the finals. Similar to St. John's, the Musketeers won the first doubles match but lost the next two as DePaul took the doubles point.

Kyle and Thomas won their second doubles match in three tries at the Big East tournament, 6-2.

However, Reichenbach and Roper and Abelson and Ruether both lost their matches 2-6. Kyle was unable to get a

win in her singles match, 2-6, 2-6, and DePaul went up 2-0. Reichenbach also lost her singles match, 2-6, 3-6, putting DePaul up 3-0.

Then, Xavier made a comeback. Ruether, Roper and Abelson were all able to win their matches and tie it at 3-3.

Ruether won 6-4, 7-6; Roper won 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; and Abelson won 6-3, 5-7, 6-0.

Thomas was able to push her match to three sets but ultimately lost 7-5, 5-7, 3-6.

Despite being on the losing end of the championship, the Musketeers etched their names into women's tennis history with their outstanding performances throughout the 2018-19 season.

Xavier Sports News

Men's Basketball

Recently, the men's basketball team received its second graduate transfer commitment (and second from the MAC Conference) in former Western Michigan guard Bryce Moore. The 6-foot-2 Moore is an ex-high school teammate of former Xavier guard Trevon Bluiett and has one season left of NCAA eligibility.

Baseball

Freshman infielder Luke Franzoni was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll on Monday after his .600 slash line last week, including a home run in Xavier's walk-off win against Butler.

Track & Field

Three Musketeers — senior Kara Robinson (400-meter hurdles), sophomore Connor Meehan (800-meter dash) and freshman Maya Hannagan (5,000-meter run) — all recorded first-place finishes at the Pacesetter Invitational last weekend.

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Your Coffee Guide to Finals

By ROSE HOFSTETTER
Staff Writer

Stress Level: 0-4

Your Motivation is Fueled by: 1-2 group projects, 0-3 essays or reflections and 2 sudden emails about grades being updated on Canvas.

Due Date: May 3, meaning you have plenty of time or are waiting until the last minute.

Coffee of Choice: anything caramel or covered in chocolate, limit to 2-3 cups within a 24-hour period. No espresso.

Reason: Let's face it, the amount of work you have is enough to put you on your toes, but isn't as serious as it could be. You probably planned this out for months now. Your coffee of choice should reflect your ability to plan, check off your to-do list and have a solid sleep schedule. Hot chocolate, mocha, caramel latte or machiattos are clearly the obvious choice. Enjoy the rewards of all your hard work. You deserve it.

Quote: "Hobbies? Organizing my agenda. Wait, that doesn't sound fun. Jammin' on my planner."
- Leslie Knope, *Parks & Recreation*

Stress Level: 5-8

Your Motivation is Fueled by: 3-5 group projects (wait, really?), 3-5 essays with citations, and a budding friendship with midnight deadlines.

Due Date: This week, today or right now. Will get back to you.

Coffee of Choice: Caffeine one way or another, any combination of cappuccino or espresso mixed with water such as an iced coffee or an Americano.

Reason: You still have things together a little bit, as you are prioritizing your basic needs such as water. Combining coffee with water kills two birds with one stone. On one hand, coffee dehydrates you, but the addition of ice or water balances it out so you are neither losing water or retaining it. Plus, it's coffee. This balance on the verge of total collapse is exactly what you need right now, which is why you can reach for a cappuccino on the good days or iced coffee on the busy days. Either choice is also a great photo op for your Instagram, so you can rest assured that you won't be sacrificing your social life while sacrificing sleep.

Quote: "Should I sleep or shower? I could sleep in the shower, but I'm also starving."
- Christina Yang, *Grey's Anatomy*

Stress Level: 9-10

Your Motivation is Fueled by: 5+ group projects, enough essays for you to forget which ones you're writing at the same time, being scared of the sunlight like a vampire and cereal for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Due Date: Wait, today is Wednesday? No, it's Theology paper. Then tomorrow is Presentation Day. After that it's Statistics Test.

Coffee of Choice: Espresso, espresso, espresso

Reason: Espresso might as well be renamed to espresGO. If you need the energy, then this one is your friend. Anything can be done if you have enough caffeine to power your way through it. If you need the extra boost, try espresso instead of the usual coffee. Dilute it with milk or creamer so it's not as strong. Then you'll be able to drink more without the horrible side effects of dehydration. This also allows you to mix it up so you won't be bored by one drink all day.

Quote: "You can't just give up. Is that what a dinosaur would do?"
- Joey Tribbiani, *Friends*



Aries: Feel free to listen to advice from other people, but it might not stop the chaos of a Vine that goes, "HoW dO yOu kNoW wHaT's gOoD fOr mE?" "THAT'S MY OPINIONNN!!!"



Taurus: Food insecure because of no Dining Dollars? That's a mood. Beg school administrators for food — they're the ones responsible for enacting the policies you're living with, after



Gemini: You might have a "love to learn" bug. Use this to your advantage by binge-studying for finals — and laugh in the face of those who made fun of you when you end up with better grades.



Cancer: Honey, if you keep too much tea, it'll spill over, and that'll be a mess you don't want to see. Find someone trustworthy with whom to sip tea so it doesn't get to that point.



Leo: Taking extra measures to protect your privacy could save a life. Like, y'know, not using the same password for literally everything.



Virgo: Work/classes might be getting to you this week. Diffuse that stress by smashing something fragile you don't really care about.



Libra: It might be a big risk vs. reward week for you. The stars advise you take risks, even if that's not something you do. Eat that extra cookie. Climb that extra set of stairs. Do the thing.



Scorpio: Ahhhhh, who doesn't love a wild identity crisis so late in the semester? Scorpions, that's who! Just hold out for a few more weeks — summer will be here before you know it.



Sagittarius: Honesty is the best policy this week. Be honest even if it sounds unrealistic, like you went to the Cincinnati Zoo and had your homework stolen by a monkey.



Capricorn: If you're lacking in spare funds, consider smuggling Girl Scout cookies as a side gig. The best time to sell them is when everyone is stress eating for finals, after all.



Aquarius: Easter Break came and went WAY too soon. You probably want it back. Well. Time to put that college education of yours to use by building a time machine.



Pisces: No, you don't want to "do it for the Vine." Even if it could end up referenced by the Features page of a Jesuit university's campus newspaper one day.



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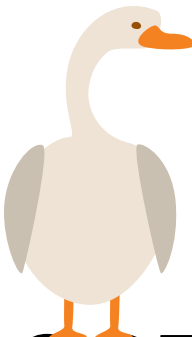
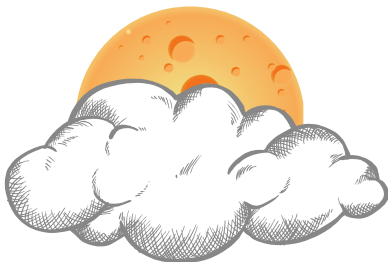
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I wish I could distill some wisdom.
Pour out the years in rhythm over ice
And offer you the future with a big slice of lemon.
We'd sip it in the garden and I'd tell you a useful parable.

Midwestern winters are cold,
And come on the wings of the geese
Carried by autumn's orange settling.
But you know that.

Allow me to offer this
To satisfy some semblance of duty
Or kindness
Or pride.

As emberly gales lift the
Aged leaves across a harvest moon,
Hold tight and turn your expectant eyes north.
It seems our glasses are dry.



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